

MONROE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND AUTHORITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 28, 2015

The Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Land Authority (MCLA) Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 in Suite 104 of the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) located at 2796 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Sprunt at 9:06 AM. Present and answering roll call in addition to Chairman Susan Sprunt were Mitchell Cook and Susan Matthews. Bryan Green and Barbara Neal were absent. Also present were Executive Director Mark Rosch, Office Manager Dina Gambuzza, and Counsel Ginny Stones.

The first item was additions and deletions to the agenda. There were none. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval of the September 30, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Matthews seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

The next item was approval to purchase property for conservation. Mr. Rosch addressed the Committee regarding the following proposed acquisition:

- a) Block 7, Lot 6, Eden Pines Colony on Big Pine Key. The subject property is a 5,100 square foot canal lot and consists of exotic vegetation. The lot is zoned IS (ACCC) and is designated Tier 2 – Transition and Sprawl Area. The owner has agreed to sell the property for a price of \$30,000. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve purchasing the property for the \$30,000 price and Mr. Cook seconded the motion. There being no objections, the motion carried 3/0.

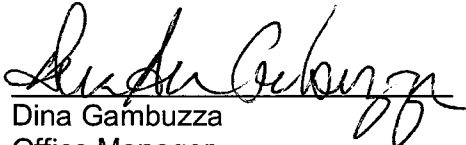
The next item was the Executive Director's report. Mr. Rosch distributed information and reported on recent events including the following:

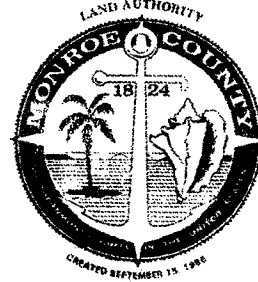
- a) The Governing Board approved establishing a new land acquisition position and approved Mr. Rosch moving into the new position once a new executive director is hired. The Executive Director position is being advertised until November 30, 2015. The Advisory Committee, Assistant County Administrator Kevin Wilson, and Assistant County Administrator Christine Hurley will rank the applications received for Executive Director. Each member of the Committee should come to the December 16, 2015 meeting with his/her ranking of the applications into three categories: high, medium, and low.
- b) Mr. Rosch discussed the Florida Keys Stewardship Act (House Bill 447). This bill would, among other things, require DEP to spend \$5 million per year on the purchase of Florida Forever land in the Keys, allow MCLA to purchase property interests for the purpose of addressing hurricane evacuation impacts, and allow MCLA to contribute funds toward DEP's purchase of property without MCLA acquiring a property interest.
- c) Mr. Rosch discussed House Bill 570, which would prohibit the state parks from charging an entrance fee for one year. If this prohibition also applied to the MCLA surcharge, MCLA would stand to lose over \$400,000 of anticipated revenue.

- d) On November 17, 2015 the County Commission will be taking public input on the Hotel Unit Allocation Program proposed by DEO to reduce the number of undeveloped lots in the Keys.
- e) Mr. Rosch discussed the properties MCLA acquired in Fiscal Year 2015.
- f) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Monroe Regional Service Center (State building) in Suite 104 located at 2796 Overseas Highway. Mr. Cook, Ms. Matthews, and Chairman Sprunt said they would be available to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Prepared by:


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Approved by the Advisory Committee on November 19, 2015.